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Sprouse Named Manager of YDC

James M. Sprouse, Charleston attorney and political figure, is the new executive secretary of the Young Democratic Clubs of West Virginia.

His appointment was announced Tuesday by Walter Burton of Princeton, newly elected president of the statewide organization, who also praised Sprouse for his part in helping Burton win the presidency at the recent YDC convention at Beckley.

"This appointment, however, is too important to be made solely on the basis of political gratitude," Burton added.

"We have a new concept and it has three parts: We want to work closely with the State Administration, to utilize hard-core loyal party workers, but at the same time and most important, to present an appeal to the broadest group of citizens possible."

In the new post, Sprouse will become an unpaid part-time manager for YDC activities throughout the state. He said Tuesday that he will open an office in Charleston to carry out the task.

Sprouse, a native of Mingo County, attended public schools there, graduated from St. Bonaventure College and Columbia Law School, and attended the universities of Paris and Bordeaux, France, where he studied international law.

He speaks fluent French and German and once was assistant counsel for the Displaced Persons Commission in the Truman Administration, and later an official in the Central Intelligence Agency.

DURING LAST year's election, he was state chairman of a highly successful "Dollars for Demo-



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New YDC Manager

crats" drive, and previously was an unsuccessful candidate for the House of Delegates.

In Charleston, he is a member of the law firm of Hiserman, Keenan, Douglas and Sprouse, is a deacon of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, is chairman of the Long Rifle District of Boy Scouts, and belongs to numerous civic and veterans organizations.

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